

Federal City Performing Arts Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 22, 1998
2801 M St., NW, Washington, DC

DIRECTORS: Present: Fred Boykin, Darrell Lewis, Jeff Peirce, Mark Bombaci, Robert York, Joe Vignali, Jerry Carpenter, Thom Gibb, James Madigan, Henry Salevsky, Ed Wilber, Jarrin Davis

ABSENT: Jack Gerard, Bill Eadie

STAFF: John Perkins, James Holloway

GUESTS:

I. Call to Order

Boykin called meeting to order at 7:30.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes.

Peirce moved, Gibb seconded, to approve the March, 1998 minutes.

Unanimous in favor. Minutes approved.

III. Financial Report

YTD comparisons are difficult for this period. YTD the organization has a \$1,600 deficit. The Spring concert did very well. So far a profit of \$14K was reported for the concert at the end of March. Estimates of expenses put projections on budget. Vignali indicated that the Lisner labor costs are the only outstanding item.

Future projects consider the next May concert, auction events, and dues. A projected end of year would put the budget close and the treasurer reports that he is more comfortable with the organization's financial status.

Motion to accept the Finance Report, Vignali moves, Gibb seconds. Unanimous in favor.

IV. President's Report

Many thanks to Jeff Peirce for all his hard work on the finances. May 3rd is the next budget review date for the next fiscal year. Boykin indicated that this is period of high stress due to the compressed calendar of events. All positions need to face the events with a good attitude, we need to support the membership, listen to issues and give assistance where needed. Boykin announces that the May Executive Meeting would be canceled due to the scheduled events.

The Auction event will be considered the most exciting fundraising event. Salevsky indicated that they were not sure of the advanced ticket sales for the Auction.

Boykin announced his intention to seek a position on the GALA Board of Directors and asked the BOD for a letter of recommendation. The BOD, with a move by Gibb to support Boykin and second by Madigan, expressed encouragement and the Secretary would compose a letter of endorsement.

V. Music Report

Events coming up are the recording session and the many fundraising events. Holloway expressed his commitment to help prepare sectional tapes and that every one but the 1st Tenors were completed. Rep. Advisory Panel has indicated that the Chorus expressed positive feedback concerning the "Pirates" concert and that good suggestions were given.

Holloway will present concepts for the 19th season at the next Board meeting. The Annual Report Summary is in process with key areas of mention being: better interface with membership, better accountability, singer participation and follow-up, Staff/Ops coordination, ensemble programs, losing singers due to volunteerism, production interface, and the transitional process of the organization which is reaching for very far on existing resources. Holloway invited input on making the organization better.

VI. Executive Director's Report

See Executive Director's Report. Thanks are given to the Executive Committee for its support of the position job. Perkins is submitting a funding request to American Express again for the coming year. United Airlines is pleased with the press it is getting from GMCW. Lambda Rising is a sponsor for the Auction.

Perkins announces the intent to pursue the Bridge Builder Fund for possible future opportunities. The group is asking for a 'diversity' group to be involved. A document will be prepared that will outline a possible multi year project. Vignali asked what the grant value would be, Perkins indicated that it could be between 1 and 10K. Gibb asked if the group was seeking CFC or United Way funding, Perkins indicated that it was not.

Perkins presents an update of the Auction process. Invitations have been sent from which 5 new patrons have been found.

August 28-30 is dedicated as the Future Search Event that will incorporate the training of the new board and the preparation for next season with the event.

GALA leadership conference announcement was made encouraging as many BOD members to go to the event.

Operations Committee.

There have been no calls of interest by new leaders of groups for the Ops Committee. Transition work is greatly needed. The role of group needs better definition - 'Bridge Build'. Perkins and Lewis are hoping for a 50% carryover of current leadership. Formality of the meeting seems to be an issue of the current members. An official statement needs to be drafted that will make the Operations Committee a Standing Committee that will also outline the role and levels of responsibility.

A call is made for a review of all Standing Committees for a change of the by-laws if necessary.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

A proposed Amendment to the by-laws is called for. The proposed change would allow the BOD to appoint 2 Community members to the BOD. This would allow the BOD to choose community persons without having to engage in the election process and possibly alienate individuals who may not be elected. A statement will need to be written by Brayton, the resident by-law expert. Vignali as we the intent is to expand the size of the BOD to 15 members. Holloway confers with the desire to appoint community members. One idea was to decrease the size of the BOD to 13 with 2 community members or to increase the size to 15 members two of which would be appointed. Issues

concerning whether GMCW members would feel threatened by outsiders on the BOD. The group opinion is that would probably not be the case. Wilber supports leaving the BOD size as 13. Boykin indicated that a special meeting would be called so the Directors may look over and approve the language of the by-law modification.

Vignali expressed his thanks to those who helped with the Bachelor Auction, which raised \$3K. Lewis suggested that the funds in their entirety be moved into the general fund because members had covered all expenses.

Gibb asks the BOD consider a concert at the Kennedy Center. Vignali indicated that he is discussing possible dates for just such an event and is looking for dates in March and April.

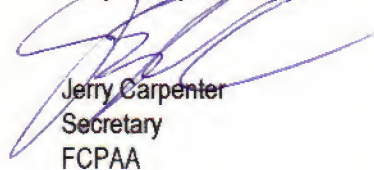
Salevsky indicated that the BOD fundraiser known as the San Fran Raffle is going well and that they would be selling them at the next concert. He also expressed the need for European Tour posters to be printed and that he needed a new press to assist the process.

Vignali stated that GMCW is appearing on web pages around Europe in expectation of our concerts.

IX. Adjournment

Wilber moved, Lewis seconded a move to adjourn. Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jerry Carpenter
Secretary
FCPAA